

Welcome to St. Matthews
“A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ.”
We are honored to have you worship with us today
and we hope that you will receive a warm welcome
and experience the presence of our Lord in a significant way.

PRELUDE

WELCOME EVERYONE!

FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

*****FRIENDSHIP PAD – Please sign and include any contact info updates.**

PRAYER FOR CONCERNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 50:1-2**

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

The earth declares God’s beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

God’s word shines forth in glory.

OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to His temple draw near,

Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;

Sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!

Have you not seen all that is needful has been

Sent by His gracious ordaining.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you:

Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

if with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him.

Let the Amen sound from His people again;

Gladly forever adore Him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still and waits in mercy to forgive. Trusting in the promises given at our baptism, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Isaiah 1:17

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 1:16-18

God is merciful and kind; though our sins are like scarlet, they become like snow.

Be at peace, for your sins are washed clean by the goodness of God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tiffany Lakatosh

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

INVITATION

Pastor Rick

Malachi 3:10

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

OFFERTORY

Just As I Am

Just as I am without one plea

But that Thy Blood was shed for me

And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee

O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am and waiting not

To rid my soul of one dark blot

To Thee Whose Blood can cleanse each spot

O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am poor wretched blind

Sight riches healing of the mind

Yea all I need in Thee to find

O Lamb of God I come I come

*Just as I am Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve
Because Thy Promise I believe
O Lamb of God I come I come*

*Just as I am Thy Love unknown
Hath broken ev'ry barrier down
Now to be Thine yea Thine alone
O Lamb of God I come I come*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:9-13

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.
10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.
11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
13 Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

SERMON **Pastor Rick Rufenacht**

Life On Mission

Living to Connect
Matthew 9:9-13

_____Connections
Luke 14:21 – 23

_____the Connections
Romans 15:1-7

Don't _____Connections
Romans 5:8 **John 8:4-11**

_____For Connections
1 Corinthians 9:20-23

Sermon Notes

***THE LORD'S PRAYER – ALL**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN *Trust And Obey

*When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way
Let us do His good will He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey*

CHORUS: *Trust and obey For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus But to trust and obey*

*Not a burden we bear Not a sorrow we share
But our toil He doth richly repay
Not a grief nor a loss Not a frown nor a cross
But is blessed if we trust and obey (CHORUS)*

*But we never can prove The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay
For the favor He shows And the joy He bestows
Are for them who will trust and obey (CHORUS)*

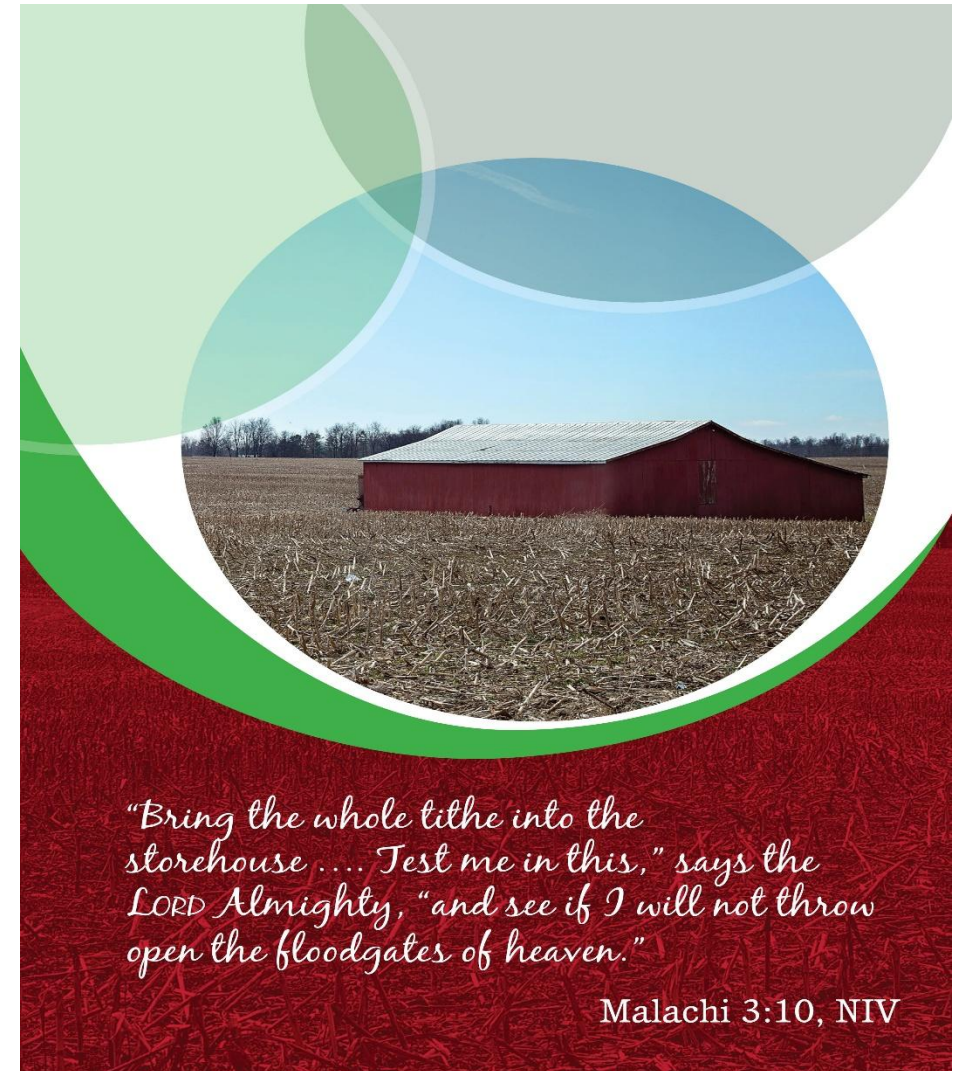
*Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way
What He says we will do Where He sends we will go
Never fear only trust and obey (CHORUS 2x)*

***CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor Wil Hoffman

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE - ALL *Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace; never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe, reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. Amen.



"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven."

Malachi 3:10, NIV

**St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025**

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- ❖ **Prayer Concerns for Shut ins:**
Shirley Kuntz—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058
James Borger—526 Wood Street, Apt 439, Bethlehem PA 18018-4463
Larry Hahn—Gracedale, 2 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth PA 18064
Leah Jane Sterner—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
Kay Frable – Liza’s House, 1357 Blue Mountain, Danielsville PA 18038
Kyle Frable—104 5K Lane, Kunkletown PA 18058
Gladys Meixsell—Pleasant Valley Manor, 4227 Manor Dr, Stroudsburg PA 18360
Velma Silfies—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care, 302 Kunkletown Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
Joann Hunsicker—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—2W, P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown PA 18058
Jacqueline Mock—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown, PA 18058
Tom Barr Sr. – Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330
Jesse Ziegenfus—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330
- ❖ **August benevolence is Operation Touch of Home.**
- ❖ **There are still open shifts available for the Fair. See Cheryl or RJ to sign up.**
- ❖ **Mark your calendar: August 31st is the 5th Sunday Band and Breakfast!!**
- ❖ **Greeter meeting today in the sanctuary immediately following the service. So if you already are or wish to be a greeter please stay for the meeting.**



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 10	9th Sunday after Pentecost Greeter Meeting	-Sanctuary, 9am -Sanctuary, after service
Monday, August 11	Exercise Group Council Meeting	-Office Open 10am -2pm -Common Room 10:30am -CIA Classroom 7pm
Wednesday, August 13		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, August 14		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
Sunday, August 17	10th Sunday after Pentecost	- Sanctuary, 9am

Altar Flowers - Vase #1 – in memory of Ella Stout
Vase #2 – in memory of Clara Brotzman

Council President: RJ Cramer	
Interim Pastor: Rick Rufenacht	Assistant Pastor: Wil Hoffman
Children’s Ministry Director: Tiffany Lakatosh	Church Secretary: Renée Keiper
August Lead Usher: Tonya Peddigree	